

Sherry Labs

215-766-3785

s.labs@verizon.net

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**PENNRIDGE AND CENTRAL BUCKS TAX COLLECTORS RESPOND TO
PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT RULING ON TAX COLLECTION**

Bucks County, PA – Aug. 22 – Today, tax collectors serving the Pennridge and Central Bucks School Districts issued the following statement in regard to the recent PA Supreme Court decision concerning tax collection:

“We are very pleased with the unanimous decision handed down by the PA Supreme Court. Per the court, school districts and other taxing bodies can no longer reduce the compensation of elected tax collectors to the point of forcing them out of office. There has been a trend in PA, promoted most heavily by a certain law firm, of reducing tax collector compensation so low as to “motivate” the tax collector out of office. This court ruling should put a stop to these tactics and will require school districts and other taxing bodies to compensate tax collectors in a reasonable fashion, while maintaining the tax collection system as it has been established by our state lawmakers.

The court ruling reaffirms that the Pennsylvania State Legislature has sole jurisdiction over determining how property taxes are collected. School boards, counties, and municipalities may not take that authority upon themselves. The legislature established the elected tax collector system as a means of separating the taxing bodies from the tax collection, allowing for protection of both the taxing districts and the taxpayers.

In complement to this court ruling, the PA State Legislature completed an extensive review of tax collection throughout the state and found that collection of taxes via the elected tax collectors is both less expensive and more efficient than collecting the taxes through the school districts directly. Let there be no mistake: The savings and efficiencies of the state defined system benefit both the taxing bodies and the taxpayers. This court ruling will go a long way in protecting the interests of all concerned: the school districts, counties, municipalities, and taxpayers throughout the state.”

#